

Lake Oroville 2005



Lake Oroville 2008

# Save Water Now

## We face unprecedented water supply challenges.

Severe drought and court-ordered pumping restrictions have caused our water supply to drop to historic low levels. The photos of Lake Oroville, above, show a 35% drop in its water level since 2005. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the largest supplier of San Diego County's water, could deplete its non-emergency storage reserves by the end of 2009. Water deliveries to many farmers have been cut by 30 percent. Water rationing for homes and businesses could be imposed.

**You can help.** The San Diego County Water Authority and your local water agency urge you to take immediate action to reduce water use now, especially outdoors. Significant savings can be achieved by:

- Watering no more than three days a week, cutting back during cool weather.
- Shortening your watering times by 1-2 minutes.
- Fixing leaks and broken sprinkler heads.
- Adjusting sprinklers to avoid spraying paved areas.

A list of money-saving rebates for your home is on the reserve side. More tips, as well as business and multi-family property rebates are at [20gallonchallenge.com](http://20gallonchallenge.com).



San Diego County  
Water Authority

## Water: Save it or Lose it

*A message brought to you by the San Diego County Water Authority  
and its 24 member retail water agencies.*



# Water Efficiency Rebates for Residents

The San Diego County Water Authority and its member agencies participate in SoCal Water\$mart, a region-wide program operated by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). The program offers rebates for water-efficient purchases for single-family properties. For lists of products and guidelines:

Visit [www.20gallonchallenge.com](http://www.20gallonchallenge.com) and look under "Programs and Incentives."

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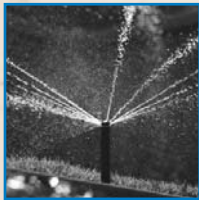
## High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebates – up to \$185

The SoCal Water\$mart Program provides a financial incentive to encourage customers to choose a high-efficiency clothes washer (HEW) instead of a standard top-loading model. HEWs use 65% less water, 55% less energy; use less detergent; clean better; and are gentler on clothes than standard clothes washers. Co-funding provided by SDG&E. For program information and eligibility requirements, please call 1-888-376-3314.

## Single-Family High-Efficiency Toilet & Upgrade Rebates – up to \$200

The SoCal Water\$mart Program offers a rebate of up to \$200 for high-efficiency toilets (HETs). The program also offers a rebate of up to \$30 per high-efficiency toilet upgrade or for new construction.

For program information and eligibility requirements, please call 1-888-376-3314.



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## Single-Family Synthetic Turf Rebates

A 50¢ per square foot incentive is available for synthetic turf. The replacement of irrigated vegetation with synthetic turf may significantly reduce your outdoor watering needs. Higher incentives are available in some areas.

For program information and eligibility requirements, please call 1-888-376-3314.

## Single-Family Landscape Surveys (part of the Water Authority Smart Landscape Program)

Free residential surveys are available to single-family customers looking for help in reducing outdoor water use. Surveys are designed to identify potential leaks, recommend water conserving devices, assess irrigation efficiency, and determine the proper landscape watering schedule. To request a survey please call (800) 986-4538 unless you are a customer of any of the agencies listed below. Customers of these agencies should contact the number provided for their agency.

City of San Diego	(619) 570-1999	Rincon del Diablo MWD	(760) 745-5522
Helix Water District	(619) 466-0585	Santa Fe Irrigation District	(858) 756-5672
Otay Water District	(619) 670-2291	Vallecitos Water District	(760) 744-0460